

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 1 1. A method to change audio sources broadcast over a network, the method comprising:
2 separately buffering multiple audio sources transmitted across the network so as to
3 reduce delay when audio sources are changed.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, the method further comprising selecting one of the multiple audio
2 sources using a stream selector.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, the method further comprising routing each of the multiple audio
2 sources to a stream receiver operable to maintain connection with that audio source.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, the method further comprising delivering the selected one of the
2 multiple audio sources as audio output signals to a user.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein buffering of the multiple audio sources is accomplished
2 by one of the group comprised of: a computer having browsing software, and an Internet
3 radio receiver.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein selecting one of the multiple audio sources is
2 accomplished with one of the group comprised of: predefined user inputs, and a present
3 user input.
- 1 7. An Internet radio receiver operable to switch between multiple audio sources and deliver
2 radio receiver output to a user, the receiver comprising:
3 a stream manager operable to receive and buffer the multiple Internet radio sources
4 and to select one of the multiple Internet radio sources.
- 1 8. The receiver of claim 7 wherein the receiver further comprises a connector operable to
2 receive the multiple audio sources.
- 1 9. The receiver of claim 8, wherein the connector is one of a group comprised of: a modem
2 cable, a wireless receiver, a power line, and a network cable.

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1 10. The receiver of claim 8 wherein the receiver further comprises an interface between the
2 connector and the stream manager.

1 11. The receiver of claim 10, wherein the interface is one of a group comprised of: a modem,
2 a network interface card, a power line data interface and a wireless modem.

1 12. The receiver of claim 7 further comprising at least one speaker operable to present the one
2 of the multiple audio sources to a user as audio output signals.

1 13. The receiver of claim 7 further comprising a display operable to display an identifier of a
2 selected one of the multiple audio sources.

1 14. The receiver of claim 7 wherein the stream manager further comprises:
2 a) multiple stream receivers each operable to receive one of the multiple audio sources;
3 b) corresponding stream buffers each operable to receive data from one of the multiple
4 stream receivers;
5 c) a stream selector operable to select one of the multiple audio sources as output to a
6 user.

1 15. An article comprising:
2 a) a storage medium, the storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when
3 executed by a computing device, result in:
4 i) reception of multiple audio sources using a stream receiver for the multiple audio
5 sources;
6 ii) buffering of the multiple audio sources received from the stream receivers; and
7 iii) selection of one of the multiple audio sources and to produce audio output signals.

1 16. The article of claim 14 wherein said computing device comprises a personal computer.

17. The article of claim 14 wherein said computing device comprises an Internet radio
receiver having a processor.